



# The Fly-By

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**Southwest Region**  
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## **News Highlights From Around the Region**

The second quarter of 2010 at Southwest Region was a time of remembrance and work, with unusually heavy rains. Much senior member training took place, and cadets were very active.

To avoid errors or omissions, I've asked each wing PAO to send in a summary of notable events, which are posted below, in the order in which they were received. My thanks to all.

**Texas Wing** held its Wing Conference in April, in San Marcos. In May there were two Wilson awards, two more legislators joined, and cadets participated in activities at Dyess AFB, Laughlin AFB and Calhoun County Fly-in. The Fly-A-Teacher program was held at Ellington Field. One cadet attended the Cadet Leadership Academy. June offered the Powered Flight Academy, the Summer Encampment and the Lone Star Emergency Services Academy, all in Big Sandy. Overall, there were 15 senior member awards, 26 cadet awards, and one cadet was named a Presidential Scholar.

**New Mexico Wing** held another highly-successful Summer Encampment at the NM National Guard's Ocate Complex in Santa Fe. The Wing also conducted a FEMA ICS-300 course at Wing Headquarters attended by CAP personnel and members of police, fire, CERT, and other agencies. On Memorial Day weekend, wing members flew patrols over the state's major lakes, working with the Coast Guard Auxiliary on the surface to enhance boating safety. Cadet Major Daniel Paulsen was named SW Region Cadet of the Year, and in June Cadet Chief Master Sergeant Trey Thunborg was sworn in to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy's Class of 2014.

**Louisiana Wing** held its annual wing conference in Lafayette during April. Group Two held a SAREX in Lake Charles in April, while Group Three held a SAREX in New Orleans in June. Answering the call from Southeast Region, Louisiana Wing has been involved with flying missions for Deepwater Horizon in response to the Gulf oil spill. Two Louisiana Wing cadets attended powered flight academies and two were accepted to service academies.

**Arizona Wing** was busy with Aerospace, Cadet and ES Activities. On Memorial Day weekend 20 cadets attended Cadet Airmen Leadership School and Non-commissioned Officers Academy. Encampment went off well on June 19. ES found a missing aircraft in Flagstaff and Capt. Justin Ogden assisted Wyoming Wing in locating 2 missing persons using

cell phone forensics. A Mountain Flying Course, held in Prescott, also qualified CAP pilots for FAA Wings credits. Squadron activities included a field trip to Aeroflite to view the CL-15 firefighting plane and participation in Pima County Career Day. The Sun Gods Drill Team prepared to represent Southwest Region at the NCC in Oregon.

**Arkansas Wing's** biggest event was the cadet encampment. About 125 wing members, along with a large contingent from Texas Wing, spent June 19-26 at Little Rock Air Force Base. The cadets toured various base operational components, ran the base obstacle course, took C-130 orientation rides, and experienced Fire Arms Simulation training. In April, the wing assisted the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission in a search for a missing man in northern Arkansas. An aircrew and a ground team were en route to assist in a search for a missing 3-year old, but they were recalled when the toddler was found before they could arrive on scene.

**Oklahoma Wing** participated in Falcon Virgo, Green Flag East, and several Department of Homeland Security and proficiency aircrew training exercises. Also took part in the OKC area Tornado Damage Assessment mission. A successful Cadet Encampment took place at Camp Gruber, Muskogee, Okla. Members participated in the Star Spangled Salute Father's Day at Tinker AFB and the Altus Air Show, as well as running route safety flights for Altus AFB. Wing members Honored a WWII veteran with a memorial presentation, and the Edmond Composite Squadron ran a successful FTX.

To everyone, our congratulations. 🇺🇸

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### ***Safety is Priority One***

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### ***How to Submit News Items for this Newsletter***

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Ideally, articles should deal with a wing-wide event, preferably conducted in conjunction or coordinated with another wing (or better yet across regions).

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*Photo: 1st Lt. Cindy E. Beck, CAP*

### ***Arizona Governor Inducted into Arizona Wing's Legislative Squadron***

*by 1st Lt. Cindy E. Beck, CAP*

PHOENIX, Ariz. – Arizona Governor Jan Brewer was officially inducted into Arizona Wing's Legislative Squadron in a ceremony at the Arizona State Capitol. Civil Air Patrol (CAP) membership expresses the Governor's support of the all-volunteer organization that provides search and rescue and disaster relief missions for the State. Also, as one of its three Congress-mandated missions, CAP operates a cadet program for America's young people.

Governor Brewer was awarded the honorary rank of CAP Major, and invited to participate in CAP activities, including flying in any of the 13 CAP aircraft based in the State.

CAP Col. John M. Eggen, Arizona Wing Commander, presented Governor Brewer with her framed CAP membership certificate. Legislative Squadron Commander, Lt. Col. Wes Waddle also attended the ceremonies.

Individuals in the photo are (left to right) Mr. Russell Jones, Arizona State Representative District 24; Col. John M. Eggen, Arizona Wing Commander; the Honorable Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona; Ms Barbara Leff, Arizona State Senator District 11; and Lt. Col. Wes Waddle, Commander of the Legislative Squadron, Arizona Wing. 🇺🇸





Cadets 1st Lieutenant Isaac Niedrauer, Jesse Carr and John Shanahan. (Photo: 1st Lt. Rodrigo Saucedo, CAP)

### ***The Uniform Within***

*by Cadet 1st Lt. Jesse Carr, CAP*

TYLER, Texas -- Often we are judged by what someone else sees on our outside, since first impressions are always lasting. But it is not what we look like on the outside that makes us who we are. Rather than how we dress or our grooming standards, it is what we have inside that counts. For Civil Air Patrol members, it is the uniform within that largely defines our character and makes us who we are. Although much can be judged by a person's outward uniform – ribbons, insignia, accoutrements and specialty badges – only the reason within that earned them makes them a reflection of who we are.

As Civil Air Patrol members, it is our duty to make sure that our uniform within is spotless. As we uphold the core values we must be morally and ethically sound inside and out, otherwise we would be hypocritical. Sometimes people wear their uniform for the glory and recognition, but fail to fulfill their mission within – in their heart. We must remember that the awards and decorations will come as a result of our having fulfilled our mission. If our eyes are set only on glory, then we are sure to fail; we can only succeed when our full attention is focused on the task at hand.

Elbert Hubbard (1856-1915) said this about character, "Many a man's reputation would not know his character if they were to meet on the street." What he's saying is that our reputation is not always our character. Character is what lies inside; it is our core values, the rules we live by, but not necessarily what others see in us all the time. Our uniform within is the truth of who we are; it is impossible to cover it up all the time, or make it look like something it is not.

In Civil Air Patrol, we are given the core values – Integrity, Respect, Excellence, and Volunteer service. Whenever one of us has had a problem or issue, most of the time it has been caused by that person's failing to uphold the core values. We can all fall short or make mistakes, but the worst pit-fall is trying to separate our uniform within from Civil Air Patrol.

Should we uphold the core values only when we are in uniform, at some point this flaw will reveal itself in some way. For a while, it might be possible to get away with living that way, but the time will come when success will be knocking at our door, and only those whose uniform within matches their outward self will be chosen. 🇺🇸



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### **On Flag Day, 14 June 2010**

by Maj. Arthur E. Woodgate, CAP,  
SWR DPA

DRIPPING SPRINGS, Texas –  
Today is Flag Day, a date on which all  
Americans renew their faith and  
allegiance to the flag and the republic  
for which it stands. The American Flag  
has flown over American soil since the

nation's birth, unconquered, unsoiled, always in honor, justice and generosity. The American Flag  
stands for all that is dear to Americans and the American generations yet to come.

It is no coincidence that the American flag shares the same colors as the British flag. Their  
designs differ, of course, but the colors are the same. Let us see why.

In humanity's search for national identity, at first, the most successful political organizations were  
kingdoms. Since kings were crowned "by the grace of God," it was common to use religious  
symbols on the nation's flag. Thus, since England's patron saint was St. George, the first official  
flag of England – adopted in the 16th century – was the Cross of St. George. Today, this original  
design survives in its purest form in the flag and logo of the International Committee of the Red  
Cross.

England and Scotland, though neighbors, were separate kingdoms, often at odds. Then in  
1603 – to succeed Elizabeth I who had died without succession – Parliament picked James VI of  
Scotland who became James I of England. In 1606, James united both kingdoms, thus the Cross  
of St. George was added to the Cross of St. Andrew – patron saint of Scotland – to form the first  
Union Flag. This, however, was an England-led union, and it led to much subsequent internal  
discord and fighting.

In an effort to smooth the transition to unification, in 1707, Queen Ann declared England and  
Scotland to be the Kingdom of Great Britain. At some point, this flag became known as the Union  
Jack, perhaps because James I had caused it to be created, and the name James, in Latin,  
translated to *Jacopus* or *Jacobus* (hence, the Jacobean Era).

During the American Revolutionary War, this Union Flag of Great Britain, with a blue field on  
which were present a white *saltire* (or diagonal cross) contributed by Scotland bearing a red cross  
over it (contributed by England) was the flag that the British Crown used in battle as it tried to  
regain control of the colonies.

In 1801, under George III, the cross of St. Patrick was added, a red *saltire* on a white  
background, "counterchanged" to satisfy heraldic rules of the day, and this was flown by Britain  
during the War of 1812. It remains the official flag of the United Kingdom to this day, first known  
as the Flag of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, later changing its name to that of  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.



If I were to say, "red, white and blue," I would be safe in assuming most Americans would recognize it as a very American thought, wouldn't I? Three colors, all prime (one of them the sum of all colors). But why not say, "blue, white and red"; "white, blue and red"; or any other combination of the same three words? Viewed in the light of the preceding explanation, we recognize that the original English flag "red and white" had become the British "red, white and blue" when Scotland was integrated into England as both united into Great Britain.

That's the way it is with traditions. The best ones tend to have very deep roots.

Underlying it all is heraldry. In the unique language of knighthood and its symbols of honor, white stands for peace and sincerity, blue for loyalty and truth, and red for military fortitude and magnanimity. These colors and their symbols were the basic elements available to the new republic – a new nation carved away from British rule – that had chosen to declare itself The United States of America and was in need of distinct national symbols of its own. Also, the new country was very short of cash, though long in hope, belief and idealism.

It is entirely possible that there might have been a goodly amount of red, white and blue bunting that had been previously used for festive occasions in the former British colonies. And it is well-known that necessity often makes people quite practical. Therefore, they might have decided to use the same colors for economy's sake. After all, the heraldic meaning of the three colors was just as applicable to the new republic as it had been to "the old country."

Furthermore, the Founding Fathers are known to have been steeped in religion and morals, and envisioned the new nation as a model for the world, hoping to institute a haven of religious and political freedom and justice for all – not for the benefit of just the elite. History tells us that Betsy Ross stitched together the first American Flag, but remains silent on whether the design came out of her own inspiration or she had been given a pattern to follow.

What is clear is that she used a simple design of 13 alternating red and white bars, with a canton (field) of blue, on which she placed 13 stars. The number 13, of course, stood for the 13 colonies. In her creation, she used a combination of new elements that had the following heraldic meaning:

**Bars** stand for "one who sets the bar of conscience, religion and honor against angry passions."

**Canton** (the heraldic name for the blue field) denotes "Bearing of honor." When *borne charged* (that is, it includes one or more heraldic *charges*), it often contains some "special symbols granted by the sovereign in reward for the performance of eminent service."


**Estoiles** (stars) were *common charges* considered to be "emblems of God's goodness or of some eminence in the first bearer above the ruder sort of men."

Since both the *bars* and the *estoiles* (stars) are emblems associated with conscience, religion and God, it is reasonable to assume that, in the *canton's* description, "the sovereign" granting these special rewards was meant to be none other than God himself, the Heavenly King.

Over two centuries later, these meanings are largely lost in the haze of time. But what has not been lost is the American citizen's allegiance to the Colors as a symbol of the nation, whatever the flag's origin might have been. Neither does the original intent diminish or detract from the flag as a rallying point and an object of intense emotional attachment and honor. And even if originally it had been meant as a way to invoke God's protection, the nation and its armed forces still unite under it to preserve our way of government, civilization, freedoms, and life itself.

In some cultures, only officers are allowed to carry the Colors. In the United States, on the other hand, it is tradition for enlisted personnel to carry them. But whoever does carry them, the Colors always lead from the front, and to be chosen to carry them is a sign of great distinction.

So, on this Flag Day, let us remember all who serve in the military in our defense, and those who have served in the past, and above all those who have died for our nation.

May our Flag long wave. 





***CAP Squadron  
Teams with Girl  
Scouts for a  
Perfect Lift Off***

*by 2nd Lt. Matthew  
Costabile, CAP*

PHOENIX, Ariz.  
– On Saturday May  
15, 2010, crystal-  
clear blue skies and  
beautiful weather  
greeted over 60  
excited Girl Scouts  
at the first-ever  
Daisy Mountain  
Model Rocket  
launch held in  
Northern Phoenix.  
This Girl Scout  
Launch Event was







staffed by Squadron 302 Cadets with oversight by their squadron Senior Staff.

This unique partnership between Deer Valley Squadron 302 and the Daisy Mountain/Anthem Girl Scouts of America began in late February. Over two nights, Aerospace Education volunteers from Squadron 302 taught the Girl Scouts 90-minute

classes on a modified Aerospace and Model Rocketry Curricula based on the popular CAP *Model Rocketry Guide - Redstone Phase I*. As part of these classes, Girl Scouts learned basic safety as





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outlined in the National Association of Rocketry's *Model Rocket Safety Code*, as well as how to correctly build and work with the *Quest Starhawk* model rocket.

To ensure a safe and efficient launch, the CAP volunteers drafted a detailed range safety plan to ensure that a proper ratio of Cadet instructors to Girl Scout participants was maintained. The plan also identified specific staging areas, created a "launch alley" overseen by a Cadet Rangemaster, and allowed for multiple simultaneous launches to minimize participant waiting time. This detailed planning process, the result of extensive pre-event work done by the squadron Cadets, yielded an exciting and successful morning. In the end, over 60 Girl Scouts safely launching their *Quest* rockets into clear blue skies, during a three hour period.

Squadron 302 Cadets participating included: Cadet Airman Anissa M Soaf, Cadet Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Kelsey M VanSant, Cadet Sr. Airman Taylor A Miller and Cadet 1st Lt. Jacqueline Shortridge (Range Instructors); Cadet Staff Sgt. David Matteson (Range Safety) and Cadet Tech. Sgt. Anthony J Costabile (Repair and Range Support).

Special thanks to 1st Lt. Mike Matteson for providing additional range support. 🇺🇸

(Photos: 2nd Lt. Matthew Costabile, CAP)





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## ***SHCS 301 Participates in Memorial Day Ceremonies***

*by Sgt. John Horne, CAP*

PHOENIX, Ariz. – Cadets from Sky Harbor Composite Squadron 301 actively participated in the Memorial Day Ceremonies conducted on May 31, 2010 at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona.

Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Chase Brant and Cadet Airman 1st Class Michael Koury presented a wreath to commemorate fallen veterans from all branches of military service. Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Blake Benard (*shown at left*) and Cadet Airman Basic Joshua Greenwood served as escorts to assist other wreath presenters at the ceremonies.

Ms Sue Wudy of the National Memorial Cemeteries Support Committee selected



Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Blake Benard and Cadet Senior Master Sgt. Jarius Nero for the special honor of releasing white doves to conclude the ceremonies (*photo at right*).

This event featured a flyover by the Primary Trainer Squadron of the Arizona Antique Airplane Association. Featured speakers included Arizona Governor Jan Brewer and Congressman Harry Mitchell.

Members of the squadron were particularly honored to participate in this year's Memorial Day Ceremonies.

HCS 301 was formed during the final year of World War II. Sky Harbor Composite Squadron 301 is proud to celebrate its 65th Anniversary this year. 🇺🇸





## **Arkansas Wing Honors Memorial Day**

*by Maj. Dennis Kern, CAP*

TEXARKANA, Ark. – On Monday May 31, 2010, cadets from the 95th Composite Squadron helped Texarkana remember Memorial Day on both sides of the state line. The cadets posted the colors to half-staff to start the ceremonies at the Miller County, Ark. Courthouse Veteran's Memorial Site.

The ceremonies featured reading of general orders establishing Decoration Day and the poem "In Flanders Fields," as well as singing "God Bless America" along with speeches, presentations and other appropriate music. After the ceremonies closed with taps and a three-volley rifle salute, the cadet color guard led the parade to the Korean-Vietnam Memorial in Bowie County, Texas where the remembrance ceremonies continued.

In Monticello, Cadet Airmen Kaybriesha Lamb and Ricky Owens of the 67th raised the colors and lowered them to half-mast at a ceremony at the Drew County courthouse sponsored by the Volunteers of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

The 115th Composite Squadron was kept busy the entire Memorial Day weekend. On Saturday May 29, about a



dozen members planted flags on veterans' graves at the Fayetteville National Cemetery and that evening provided a color guard and parking attendants for a USO-style dance held at the Arkansas Air Museum on Drake Field. On Monday May 31, for a ceremony at the national cemetery, a 10-man color guard carried the National and Arkansas Colors with two rifles in a traditional formation, followed by the five armed service flags and another rifle. 🇺🇸



**Memorial Day at the  
Tyler Memorial Park  
Cemetery**

*by Cadet Master Sgt.  
Peter Goodwin, CAP*

TYLER, Texas –  
Memorial Day is a time to  
honor all those who have  
served in the military and  
given their life to protect  
our country. Last Dec. 31,  
2010, we honored them  
with a ceremony at the  
Tyler Memorial Park  
Cemetery. Here, the Civil  
Air Patrol (CAP) helped  
by having the Tyler  
Composite Squadron's  
color guard stand in

formation flanking the American flag raised at the main flagpole. Once the colors were guarded and the ceremony began, everyone there was joined in a feeling of pride and common sharing.

The service was very emotional. Those who had lost loved ones were filled with sadness, but were also happy that their loved ones were being honored. Others were still solemn and thankful for what all veterans have done for them. After the raising of the colors, the songs of all the military branches were played, and those present sang the lyrics with pride. As Air Force Vietnam veteran John Bradberry said, "This is their day. It is the veterans' day." During this heart-felt ceremony, it was impossible not to be emotionally involved.







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The guest of honor was retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Leo Berman – Texas State Representative for District 6 – who is also a Colonel in the Texas State Guard and a CAP Lieutenant Colonel. He started his speech by thanking all veterans who had fought for our country. He said, “It is the veteran, not the politician, that gives us the right to vote.” During his speech, Colonel Berman read a highly emotional poem he had written during his years of service, after having seen a fellow soldier killed before him in combat. After his reading, there wasn't a dry eye in the place, and everyone was choked up.

When Colonel Berman stopped speaking, his words were still in everyone's mind, as they reflected upon his words. Though people had attended out of respect and gratitude, everyone there received free hot dogs and drinks. Some stayed a while and talked to one another; others just went home with their thoughts and memories. Then all CAP members were dismissed, and we returned home.

I can't imagine anyone forgetting this ceremony, and I'm sure most will be back next year. 🇺🇸

(Photos: 1st Lt. Rodrigo Saucedo, CAP)







*(Photos: 1st Lt. Rodrigo Saucedo, CAP)*

## ***Our Flag Yet Waves***

*by 1st Lt. Rodrigo Saucedo, CAP*

TYLER, Texas – On Friday, May 28, 2010, in preparation for the Memorial Day observances at the Tyler Memorial Park, the Tyler Composite Squadron had committed to place American flags at veterans' gravesites there. This has been an annual event for squadron members. This year was no different, except for what happened before squadron members gathered to do the work.

I arrived at the Tyler Memorial Cemetery an hour early, driving a pickup truck fully loaded with 14" U.S. Flags. These we would place at each grave site. As I waited for our cadets to arrive at the appointed time, and the heat started testing my patience, I began to question my decision to volunteer for this project. To fill the time, I decided to test planting a few flags by trying to push them into the ground. When I broke the staff off the first two, I quickly realized that the ground was rock-hard. The thought of having to place these fragile flags on 1,000 gravesites soon cast a mantle of worry over my sweltering enthusiasm.

I heard a distant sound. As I looked up, a caravan of cars was headed in my direction; I took a deep breath of relief as I envisioned countless cadets streaming out of the cars as their doors opened wide. To my immediate disappointment, the cars were loaded with elderly ladies. They greeted me with gentle smiles as they walked past me, heading toward the granite memorial. As I stood there with a bundle of flags in my arms, a much older and slower lady stopped and looked at me.

"How much are you selling the flags for?" she asked. Embarrassed for having managed to look like a lonely flag salesman in the middle of nowhere, I told her that I was there to place flags on veterans' gravesites to honor them. She smiled as though she had just met a long-lost friend and said, "Well, I'm here to thank God for these soldiers and pray for their families."

Her statement humbled me. I stood there and watched as those ladies gathered into a half circle, sang hymns, and prayed. I do not know how many hymns they sang, or how long they prayed, but as they left I noticed a wire-stand holding a wreath that they had left near the



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monument. I walked up to it and saw that in its center the wreath held an image of our American flag with the inscription, "Though Many Lives Are Sacrificed for Freedom, Our Flag Yet Waves."

Reading this short statement moved me. It made me proud of being a member of the Civil Air Patrol. It made me proud of being there to honor these veterans by placing flags on their gravesites. I began to walk around and read names from some of the graves. Buried there were veterans from many wars.

My mind wandered to thoughts of the battles they must have fought. I thought of the lonely times they spent hunkered down in trenches or in tents as they wrote letters to their loved ones, now buried next to them. These had been real people who had either died on the battle field or come home, all having sacrificed the same thing, "Their family time." Truly, the most precious thing any man is honored to have. These veterans – unknown to me – had willingly deprived themselves of it, for me to have the gift of freedom. Now more than ever I found myself appreciating these men and women buried there. They had earned the right to have the flag they had fought to preserve fly over them.

With renewed enthusiasm, I turned only to see another elderly lady. She had driven up unnoticed and was already kneeling on a pad, sweeping a grave marker with a small brush. She then rubbed the tombstone with her hand and began speaking to it, though I couldn't hear her words. I glanced at my watch and realized the cadets were 30 minutes late already. Not knowing how much longer they would be, I decided to approach the lady. As kindly as I could, I asked her







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who was buried there. "It's my husband," she answered, with a gentle smile.

I placed a flag on her husband's gravesite. "He is now the first veteran to receive one of these flags," I said. She smiled again, and agreed to have me take her photo as she aligned the flag. As she left, I noticed that her husband had died in 1990. He had been a veteran of the Korean War. I watched her car drive away and had to control my emotions, as I counted the many years she has remained faithful to her husband.

Soon, the cadets starting arriving, and it was time to place the flags. The cemetery director graciously drove around in a golf cart, handing out ice-cold bottled water. Occasionally, a light breeze would blow through, giving us a refreshing coolness in the heat of the day. Despite sore backs and blisters in our fingers, we pressed on. It took us over three and a half hours to place flags on all the veterans' gravesites.

This had not been just a CAP function day. It had been a day of teamwork with other organizations and family members, all of us coming together to honor and remember our veterans.

As we placed the last flag, we looked at all the stars and stripes that colored the Tyler Memorial Park landscape. Our flag did yet wave, and it waved all around me. At that moment I vowed, as a Civil Air Patrol member, to make sure our squadron always participates in this wonderful tradition.

Placing flags on veterans' gravesites not only honors them, but ensures continued gratitude, respect and purpose on the part of our organization, as we keep our long-standing efforts to support our military and communities. 🇺🇸







**Former Louisiana  
Wing Chaplain Dies**

*by Maj. Michael James,  
CAP*

ALEXANDRIA, La.  
— Rev. Gerald Archie Mangun, longtime pastor of The Pentecostals of Alexandria Church, died on June 17, 2010 in Alexandria. Born on March 11, 1919 in La Paz, Indiana, he was 91 years old.

After graduating in 1938 from Lincoln High School in Plymouth, Indiana, Rev. Mangun attended the Apostolic Bible Institute in St. Paul, Minnesota, being ordained as a minister in 1942. He received an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity from A.B.I. in 1986.

Over the course of his life in Alexandria, he served as Chaplain for the Louisiana State Police (Troop E) and the Rapides Parish Sheriff's Department. He was also a long-standing member of the Rapides Parish Airport Authority and the Alexandria Port Authority, and served as a member of the St. Frances Cabrini Hospital's Advisory

Board. He was a respected member of the clergy in Central Louisiana and was frequently called upon to participate in building dedications and other official city and community events.

Chaplain (Major) Mangun served for many years as Chaplain and mission pilot for the Civil Air Patrol, Louisiana Wing, Alexandria Senior Squadron.

Capt. Don Wilburn, under whose command Mangun once served, said, "He was a great man." Another former squadron member, Don Delaney reflected on how Mangun was "one of the boys" and commented, "Back then, our squadron would meet at the old Thunderbird Kitchen and Esler Field Airport. He always respected our group, and never asked us to attend his church. We all knew he lived what he preached." 🇺🇸



## ***Louisiana Wing Holds Annual Conference***

*by Maj. Michael James, CAP*

LAFAYETTE, La. – More than 100 Civil Air patrol members from around the state recently attended the Louisiana Wing Conference at the Crown Plaza Hotel.

The two-day event

included the following guest speakers: Southwest Region Commander Col. Joseph C. Jensen, CAP, Texas Wing Commander Col. Joe Smith, CAP, and wife Maj. Harriett Smith, CAP who serves as Southwest Region Administration Officer.

Breakout sessions offered many opportunities for members to get up-to-date information on professional development, public



affairs, aerospace education, air operations, safety and finance.

Cadets provided a color guard during opening and closing ceremonies.

The event culminated in an Awards Banquet, at which occasion a number of Louisiana Wing members were recognized for their outstanding service during 2009. 🇺🇸





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### ***Louisiana Wing Cadets Receive Military Academy Appointments***

*by Maj. Michael James, CAP*

BATON ROUGE, La. – Two Civil Air Patrol (CAP) cadets of the Louisiana Wing recently received appointments to U.S. Military Academies.

Cadet Second Lieutenant William Carson (left), a senior from Pineville High School in Pineville, received an appointment to the United States Military Academy, West Point located in West Point, New York. Carson is a member of CAP's Central Louisiana Composite Squadron in Alexandria.

Cadet Second Lieutenant Brett Denehan (bottom), a senior from Airline High School in Bossier City, received an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Denehan is a member of CAP's Barksdale Composite Squadron in Bossier City.

Acceptance into the military academies is a highly competitive process, requiring both academic and athletic excellence combined with exemplary leadership.

Louisiana Wing Director of Cadet Programs, Maj. Victor Santana said, "I congratulate these cadets and their families, and wish them continued success." 🇺🇸





### **120th Members Tour Whiteman AFB**

*by Maj. John Brandon, CAP*

JONESBORO, Ark. – On May 15, 2010, members of the 120th Composite Squadron were given a tour of Whiteman AFB, Mo. The group was flown to Sedalia, Mo. in two Beechcraft King Air airplanes piloted by George Stem and Ed Dubar. Local businessmen graciously donated the airplanes and fuel. After arrival in Sedalia, the group drove to Whiteman AFB and met with Jennifer Green, a Public Affairs Officer at Whiteman who coordinated the tour. The group received a briefing of the base mission and history from Tech. Sgt. Ryan McKee of the 509th Bomb Wing.

The group learned that Whiteman AFB is the home of the 509th Bomb Wing, the only B-2 bomb wing in the U. S. Air Force. It is also the home of the Air Force Reserve's 442nd Fighter Wing, flying A-10 Thunderbolt IIs; the Army National Guard's 1-135th Attack Battalion, flying the AH-64 Apache; and the Navy Reserve's Maritime Expeditionary Security Division 13, that provides light, mobile, short-duration, point defense Anti-Terrorism Force Protection forces for Navy ships and aircraft. CAP members also learned that the 509th Bomb Wing is the group that made history on August 6, 1945, when the B-29 "Enola Gay" – piloted by Colonel Paul W. Tibbets, Jr. – dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan.

CAP members were given a visual tour and briefing of the Apache AH-64 helicopter by Chief Warrant Officer 2 Joshua Lee, a pilot with the 1-135th Attack Recon Battalion, who informed the group that he, too, had once been a CAP Cadet. Following that, Capt. Stephen Pippel, 394th Combat Training Squadron, gave a briefing and answered questions about the B-2 and the T-38 trainer. Captain Pippel, a former B-52 pilot, is awaiting training to transition to the B-2.

The group enjoyed a tour of the base tower and Radar Approach Control (Rapcon), where they were allowed to observe aircraft operating in the air space around Whiteman via the scopes that Air traffic Controllers use.

The tour ended, the group drove back to Sedalia for lunch, and then flew back to Jonesboro. The flight both ways were extended because of a detour around a weather front that was producing thunderstorms. CAP members were thankful for the tour, an experience they won't soon forget. 🇺🇸





**Eagle Squadron  
Cadet is  
Southwest  
Region Cadet of  
the Year**

*by Lt. Col. Paul J.  
Ballmer, CAP*

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – On June 26, 2010, Cadet Major Daniel E. Paulsen of the Eagle Cadet Squadron, New Mexico Wing, was presented with the Southwest Region Cadet of the Year Award by Colonel Joseph C. Jensen, Southwest Region Commander, during



the New Mexico Wing Commander's Call and Staff Meeting. (Photo: Capt. David Finley, CAP)

Cadet Paulsen has served the New Mexico Wing as the Cadet Commander for the 2008 Winter Encampment, the Commandant of Cadets for the 2009 Winter Encampment, and a squadron representative to the wing's Cadet Advisory Council. In November 2009 he was selected as the New Mexico Wing Cadet of the Year Award. He earned a Commander's Commendation Award for his service as the 2008 Winter Encampment's Cadet Commander. In 2006, Paulsen was selected the Honor Cadet of the 2006 New Mexico Wing Summer Encampment.

In the Eagle Cadet Squadron, Paulsen served as the Cadet Commander, Assistant Administration Officer, Assistant Moral Leadership Officer, Assistant Leadership Officer, Executive Officer, Flight Commander, First Sergeant, and Flight Sergeant. He was the Squadron's Cadet of the Year in 2008, and the Enlisted Cadet of the Year in 2006.

Paulsen also has been active in many community activities, including serving on the summer staff of the Spring Canyon Officer Christian Fellowship Conference Center, and doing volunteer work for the Air Force Research Laboratory's (AFRL) La Luz Academy on Kirtland AFB. He also assisted with maintenance and concessions for the Mile High Little League and is a member of the youth group in his church.

Besides the Civil Air Patrol, Paulsen works as an Engineering Aide with the Junior Space Scholar Student Temporary Employment Program at the AFRL La Luz Academy. There he serves as a computer technician completing setup and configuration, and maintaining three classroom computer labs that support science, technology, engineering, and math-related activities for students from the fifth grade through high school.

Paulsen recently graduated from High School and will attend the Cedarville University in Cedarville, Ohio, beginning in September, 2010.

Paulsen needs to complete a speech and an essay and serve the required time, in order to earn the Civil Air Patrol's Ira Eaker Award and, with it, the grade of Cadet Lt. Col., a goal achievable in July, 2010. 🇺🇸





## **NM Cadet Goes to Coast Guard Academy**

*by Capt. David Finley, CAP*

SOCORRO, N.M. – A Socorro cadet is making the transition from the New Mexico desert to the Connecticut seacoast as he joins the U.S. Coast Guard Academy's Class of 2014. Cadet Chief Master Sergeant Trey Thunborg of the Socorro Composite Squadron was

sworn in at the academy in New London, Conn., on June 28, 2010.

Thunborg is one of 290 members of the academy's incoming class, selected from more than 4,000 applicants. The Coast Guard Academy, founded in 1876, is ranked among the nation's most prestigious and selective institutions of higher learning. The smallest of the nation's five federal service academies, it provides a highly-structured environment for a unique higher-education experience focusing on academics, athletics, leadership, and professional military development. Graduates gain commissions as officers in the U.S. Coast Guard.

Thunborg has been an outstanding CAP cadet, joining the newly-formed Socorro squadron as a charter member in 2007. He was one of the first two Socorro cadets to be promoted to Cadet Airman in August of that year, and was the first of that squadron's cadets to gain each new rank thereafter. He was the honor cadet at the New Mexico Wing's 2008 summer encampment, and attended National Blue Beret in 2009.

"As a cadet, he took on a leadership role almost immediately," said squadron commander Capt. Dave Finley. "He learned quickly and just as quickly turned around to teach our younger cadets and those who joined us later. He developed into an effective cadet leader, and was looked up to by all the other cadets," Finley added.

Thunborg was a standout scholar and athlete at Socorro High School, and was recognized for his achievements at the school's annual awards ceremony on May 12, 2010, just prior to his graduation. At that ceremony, Thunborg was formally presented with his certificate of appointment to the Coast Guard Academy. With no Coast Guard representative available, Finley was tapped to make the presentation. *(Photo above, taken by 2nd Lt. Jon Thunborg)*

"It was a great honor to present Cadet Thunborg with his certificate in front of his fellow students and their families. It was gratifying to see him get a well-deserved standing ovation when he came forward to receive the certificate," Finley said. "All of us in the Civil Air Patrol are very proud of his success and his dedication to serving our country. We wish him the very best of luck in his new endeavor." 🇺🇸





### ***Paradise Valley Cadet Squadron 310 Participates in the Collings Foundation Open House***

*by Capt. Steve Ziomek,  
CAP*

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. – When the Collings Foundation conducted its tour of the valley during the long weekend of April 16-19, 2010, a dozen cadets and senior members from Paradise Valley Cadet Squadron 310 worked the crowd and the aircraft. The Collings Foundation displayed three World War II vintage aircraft, including a B-24







Liberator bomber, a B-17 Flying Fortress bomber and a P-51 Mustang fighter.

The cadets helped with crowd control and set up a successful recruiting table. As time permitted,

they also were able to crawl around inside and outside the bombers. A couple of cadets even entered the B-24's belly turret, where they were able to simulate full-motion gun runs.

Most of all, the cadets enjoyed working for the bomber crews, who had them perform several essential tasks on the B-24, including mounting 500 lb. dummy bombs on the bomb racks in the bomb bay, and changing 14 spark plugs on the No. 1 engine.

Being around the old airplanes was a new experience for most CAP cadets, some of whom were not much younger than the WWII crewmen who had flown them. (Photos: Capt. Steve Ziomek, CAP) 🇺🇸







### **Oklahoma's Civil Air Patrol trains for search-and-rescue**

*Senior Member Rick Rutledge, CAP*

JET, Okla. – During June 4-6, 2010, members of the Edmond Composite Squadron battled triple-digit heat for a three-day search-and-rescue field training exercise on the grounds of the U.S. Air Force's Keggelman Auxiliary Air Field, near Jet.

More than half the members participating in the exercise have experience in search-and-rescue missions, especially for downed aircraft. Oklahoma Wing conducts these training exercises quarterly in order to maintain mission readiness and operational abilities.

"This is one of our organization's top missions, and it's vital that we maintain a training regimen in all weather and terrain conditions," said CAP Capt. Dan





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Healey, the exercise coordinator. "It was made doubly difficult because during this weekend we definitely experienced the extreme heat that Oklahoma throws at us every summer."

Prior to the exercise, the weather forecast called for temperatures near 100 degrees Fahrenheit for both Friday and Saturday. "We have to be prepared at a moment's notice – day or night, sun or rain, heat or cold – we have to be ready no matter what," Healey said. "This weekend showed that we are prepared for virtually any search-and-rescue mission we're called upon to do."

The teams' training included ground navigation, Emergency Locator Transmitter triangulation, classroom academics over search-and-rescue techniques, and victim evacuation. In addition, with the excessively high temperatures, the teams also covered heat safety and techniques on how to identify heat-related injuries.

"While we don't hope for anything bad to happen to any aviator, we want everyone to know we're prepared, just in case something goes wrong," Capt. Healey said. 🇺🇸





## ***Honoring a World War II Pilot and Prisoner of War***

*By 2nd Lt. Howdy Stout, CAP*

Ardmore, Okla. – Civil Air Patrol Capt. David Rule is a man with a mission. For the past several years, he has handcrafted plaques to honor the state's surviving World War II veterans. Called "The Greatest Generation," the number of surviving World War II veterans is rapidly dwindling. And with the youngest of WWII veterans now in their 80s, Capt. Rule wants to make sure they receive their due recognition before it is too late.

"I make these plaques for our World War II veterans and I've done about 40 of them for veterans in the Tulsa area," he says. "It's an honor way past due." His latest plaque, however, is a bit more personal. Made from polished black granite and etched with the veteran's unit emblem and details, this plaque is for 2nd Lt. Theodore J. Spurgeon, a former B-24 bomber pilot who was shot down and captured by the Germans.

Mr. Spurgeon, now a resident of Ardmore, trained with Capt. Rule's wife's uncle, 2nd Lt. William R. Sumpter. The two recently got in touch by phone after more than half a century.

"My wife's uncle was a P-38 pilot, and they were in flight school together in 1944," Capt. Rule says. "He remembered him." Capt. Rule found Mr. Spurgeon's details through the Ardmore military museum. After contacting him, Capt. Rule discovered that Mr. Spurgeon and his wife's uncle had served together.

Capt. Rule enlisted the help of his local squadron to help present the award to Mr. Spurgeon in person. He said, "Presenting the plaques in person is more than just a courtesy, it's a mark of respect to America's veterans."

Civil Air Patrol also takes great pride in remembering the nation's veterans. Each December, CAP members lay wreaths at military cemeteries around the world in honor of the country's fallen service members. Created only a week before Pearl Harbor, Civil Air Patrol members served in a variety of duties during World War II, freeing pilots like Mr. Spurgeon for overseas combat missions.

Capt. Rule and Lt. Col. Joe Cavett, commander of the Starbase Composite Squadron in Tulsa, will be flying to Ardmore to present the plaque in person. In addition, they will take Mr. Spurgeon – who had volunteered to serve with CAP after World War II – on a short orientation flight in one of the squadron's aircraft.

For Capt. Rule, his reward is in recognizing America's remaining World War II veterans. "They deserve it," he says. 🇺🇸





## ***An Inside View of the 2010 Texas Wing Conference***

*by Maj. Arthur E. Woodgate, CAP, SWR DPA*

DRIPPING SPRINGS, Texas – For the membership, the 2010 Texas Wing Conference ran from April 23 to April 25, and some members showed up just for the big day, Saturday, April 24. It was quite different for Texas Wing Headquarters and the organizing committee, who worked for months ironing out many details. I supported the Wing PAO – Maj. Robert Brecount – and provided whatever last-minute public affairs help was needed.

This was not my first Wing Conference. In fact, I haven't missed one since I joined Civil Air Patrol. But this was the first one I had seen from the inside, as it were. Although I could have easily made "the usual arrangement" by merely making sure that someone took photos and wrote two or three news releases and an article, I saw it as a wonderful training opportunity for others and took advantage of it.

Last September 2009, two Texas Wing cadets had reported the National Conference in San Antonio in words and pictures. They were Cadet 2nd Lt. Christian Nelson and Cadet 2nd Lt. Jesse Carr. They did a great job, wrote wonderful articles, set a precedent, and proved a point. Never before had a National Conference been reported by cadets, and they went beyond expectations.

Therefore, it was natural for me to seek a repeat performance.

For the Texas Wing Conference, Cadet 1st Lt. Jesse Carr and Cadet Tech. Sgt. Peter Goodwin were the chosen pair. The former is a frequent contributor to Texas Wing News Online, and the latter is a young cadet who shows great promise and has started sending in good articles. Since the wing event was sure to be much smaller than the national conference, I asked the cadets to do more than write a few articles with photos. In imitation of the time-honored encampment tradition of presenting a slide show at the end-of-course dining in, the cadets agreed to prepare a film-clip/slide presentation for the Saturday evening dinner.

An added requirement came from the Conference Committee, asking for a slide show to be run before the Saturday morning general assembly, as participants were walking in. The natural candidate for this assignment was the 2009 PAO of the Year, 1st Lt. Rodrigo Saucedo, who readily volunteered. His 15-minute presentation was to be a collection of images revolving around a list of inspirational words, starting and ending with "Integrity," and included both film clips and slides, with a short movie at the front end that was repeated as the epilogue, listing the words themselves with animation. He worked on this project for over a month, taking precious time from family and recreation.

The evening presentation also required considerable preparatory work, since the cadets had to learn new audio/video editing software, create a front-end (they chose to make a short movie), select the musical background, and lay out their 15-minute presentation as they would show it, leaving space for the images that they would insert as others took them during the event.

Many CAP members were involved in preparing the rooms and providing and setting up the projection equipment. And, of course, the evening show's subjects were the participants themselves, captured in digital images that were incorporated into the project. Both productions were assembled at high resolution, but unfortunately that makes them too big to present here. Luckily, to let a larger audience experience their work, the authors prepared smaller, medium resolution version that are included here. They show best as small videos, about 3" to the side.

The morning presentation ( [http://txwgcap.org/docs/2010\\_txwg\\_conf\\_morning.rm](http://txwgcap.org/docs/2010_txwg_conf_morning.rm) ) by 1st Lt. Rodrigo Saucedo, is a Real Audio/Video production that will play in Windows Media Player and is 10.4 MB. The dinner presentation, ( [http://txwgcap.org/docs/2010\\_txwg\\_conf\\_evening.wmv](http://txwgcap.org/docs/2010_txwg_conf_evening.wmv) ) by Cadet 1st Lt. Jesse Carr assisted by Cadet Tech. Sgt. Peter Goodwin, is a Windows Movie Video that will play in Windows Media Player and is 12.6 MB. For best results, if you don't have a high-speed Internet connection, download the videos and play them locally.

The Texas Wing Conference Audio/Visual Team did an outstanding job, and the organizers made the conference look ever so easy. 🍷

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### ***A New Kind of PIO/PAO School***

BIG SANDY, Texas – A team of region directors of public affairs (DPAs) and wing public affairs officers (PAOs), joined by the new NHQ PA Team Leader at the half-way mark, spent about a year re-writing the obsolete CAPM 190-1 Volumes I and II. These had been OK for a while, but the real world, its needs and technology had passed it by years ago, making it barely useful and relegating it to the ash heap of history. We gave its replacement the title of "How-To Guide for CAP Public Affairs" and asked that it not be made a regulation, manual or pamphlet. In the end, that is what it is, just a guide placed in a document category that will allow the creation of a permanent committee to update it as circumstances require it. As a result, it will be kept current far more frequently than regulations, manuals or pamphlets ever can be.

I was a member of the "How-To Committee," and was privileged to work with other PA leaders from across the country, as we strove to build something clear, useful and practical that could help PAOs in the field. This guide has been [posted recently](#) on the National HQ PA page, and to all accounts has been received enthusiastically in the field.

As work progressed, the team came to the conclusion that PAOs cannot choose emergencies and are at the mercy of events, since it has already happened that an unprepared PAO has had to work as a Public Information Officer (PIO) a specialty that has additional requirements and must have training of its own. In some cases the PAOs were lucky and could fake their way through; others, they were not. Conversely, some PIOs who were not also PAOs have had difficulties performing the job in the field, engaging the media, and emerging unblemished from the experience.

The obvious solution was to blend both specialties, and that is what we proposed. The final decision has not been made, but LESA was the perfect opportunity to test whether the necessary training could be accomplished in the week allowed, and how well the students would take to it.

The PIO/PAO basic course included an in-depth study of the How-To Guide – a document that contains the experience and wisdom of the best PA practitioners CAP has to offer – plus the resident FEMA G-289, *Public Information Officer Awareness Course*.

The PIO/PAO advanced course added to this the resident FEMA G-290, *Basic Public Information Officer Course*, and G-291, *JIS/JIC Planning for Tribal, State, and Local PIOs*. Both courses also included







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on-camera work, practice interviews and simulated media briefings. Students reported other LESA schools in words and photos, and generally worked as both PAOs and PIOs. It was a total-immersion experience, they did very well, and the great experiment worked as well as expected.

To put it all together for the activity, LESA staged a Search and Rescue Exercise with the cooperation and participation of local emergency services and

law enforcement agencies, creating a multi-agency response team charged with dealing with a simulated critical situation. Adding to the realism, a professional *moulage* expert team made up the volunteers (*see example above*) playing the role of victims with such realism that it was hard to tell they were really unharmed. Some ALERT Academy families volunteered and brought their pre-teen children to work as "victims," with astonishingly realistic results. In the midst of the manufactured misery, a hardened fireman just shook his head, "This is incredible. It looks so real that it's hard to stay detached," he said. Then he thanked me for the training, as I thanked him for having helped LESA put it together. (*See simulation below.*)

This leads to the real break-through here. National PA Team Leader Maj. Al Pabon and I worked out the curriculum that the PIO/PAO School taught at LESA, and for the first time ever the National Emergency Services Academy taught this same curriculum.

At LESA, the youngest member of the PIO/PAO basic course was a cadet age 14; he did so well that he was selected the honor graduate for the basic course. The advanced course had only two cadets, one age 18 and the other 17. As soon as he takes the ICS-300 resident course, the cadet age 18 will be a full-fledged PIO, ready to do missions. And yes, the new PIO-to-be was the honor graduate of the advanced course.

Bottom line? Unless a PAO trains for and does missions, that PAO won't go very far up the ladder in PA. (*Photos: Cadet 1st Lt. Jesse Carr, CAP*)

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